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SUBJ: RWANDA VISIT OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU

1. GENERAL--PRESIDENT MOBUTU VISITED RWANDA JUNE 8-10. VISIT WAS SHORT AND APPEARED PRIMARILY CEREMONIAL WITH GOR TAKING CONSIDERABLE PAINS TO TURN OUT POPULATION. KIGALI RESIDENTS APPEARED EAGER (ASSISTED BY SEMI-HOLIDAYS) TO SEE MOBUTU. RADIO RWANDA DEVOTED PROGRAMMING TO MOBUTU GLORIFICATION. IN KEEPING WITH GOR SIMPLICITY THEME, THERE WERE NO PUBLIC SPEECHES BY EITHER PRESIDENT.

2. PRESS INTERVIEW--MOBUTU GAVE SOMEWHAT RAMBLING PRESS INTERVIEW TO RADIO RWANDA JUNE 9. ITEMS OF SUBSTANTIVE INTEREST WERE AS FOLLOW:

(A) ZAIRE-BELGIAN RELATIONS--COMPAREK ZAIRE-BELGIAN RELATIONS TO BELGIAN-DUTCH RELATIONSHIP FOLLOWING BELGIAN INDEPENDENCE IN 1830. NOTEA DUTCH AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BELGIANS NOW ENGAGED IN COOPERATIVE ORGANIZATIONS

(BLEU AND EEC) AND THIS WAS MODEL WHICH COULD BE FOLLOWED BY ZAIRE AND BELGIUM. INFERENCE WAS THAT FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN ZAIRE AND BELGIUM WERE NOT INCOMPATIBLE WITH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE. (GOB AMB HERE MILDLY PLEASED WITH STATEMENT).

(B) OAU SUMMIT AND THE SAHEL--STATED MAJOR PERSONAL GOAL OAU SUMMIT MEETING IS TO STIMULATE AID BY AFRICAN STATES TO VICTIMS SAHEL DROUGHT. NOTED IRONY THAT FORMER COLONIAL AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WERE IN FOREFRONT OF ASSISTANCE, RATHER THAN AFRICAN FRATERNAL STATES.

(C) PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES--STATED NEW GOP HAS SHOWN "GOOD WILL" DESPITE ITS "FASCIST ORIGINS". HE THEREFORE HOPED NEGOTIATIONS WOULD SUCCEED IN BRINGING ABOUT FULL INDEPENDENCE IN NEAR FUTURE, ESPECIALLY FOR ANGOLA. WHILE HE NOTED IN PASSING THAT ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE WAS PART OF "ANTI-COLONIAL ANTI-IMPERIALIST" LIBERATION OF AFRICA, HE EMPHASIZED DIFFICULTIES FOR GOZ OF "ONE MILLION ANGOLAN REFUGEES" WHO CURRENTLY POSING PROBLEMS FOR GOZ INFRASTRUCTURE (SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS).

(D) GOZ-GOR RELATIONS SPOKE IN VERY GENERAL TERMS OF ZAIRE-RWANDAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION BASED ON GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY AND "FACT OF SHARED HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE", BUT WAS NOT PATROSSING. RADIO RWANDA ASKED TACTLESS BUT INTRIGUING QUESTION ON HOW MOBUTU COMPARED GOR SECOND REPUBLIC TO ITS PREDECESSOR. MOBUTU DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE TIME TO EVADING ANY ANSWER AND HIS NON-RESPONSE BOILED DOWN TO THE NEED FOR A CHIEF-OF-STATE TO DEAL WITH WHOMEVER IS IN POWER.

3. PRES MOBUTU AND PRES HABYARIMANA DEPARTED TOGETHER JUNE 10 FOR BUJUMBURA PRIOR TO PROCEEDING ONWARD TO OAU SUMMIT.

4. EMBASSY WILL REPORT ANY SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF DISCUSSIONS AT LATER DATE.

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